

Economic Development Committee Minutes
July 8, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson; Supervisors Lunde, Richardson, Kinowski, Daly, and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Andrew Jarosh, County Treasurer; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Jamie O'Neill, Planning; Peter Bardunias, So. Sara. Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Sausville the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Bardunias distributed a packet entitled Community Development Program Status Report to all committee members for their review, and gave a brief overview.

Mr. Johnson said a request has been made from the Town of Saratoga and the Historic Hudson-Hoosick Partnership to enter into an agreement with the county where the county would up front or loan the partnership and the towns \$200,000 to facilitate state grants that the state has already committed to them. You have to spend the money before you can get it back, he said. The money would be used to build the gateway visitors center in Stillwater.

Mr. Richardson said there is approximately \$900,000 in grants that have accumulated in the past few years to build the Gateway Visitors Center. He said this will have a huge impact, not only on the Village of Schuylerville, but the entire corridor up and down the river, as there are thousands of people that come this way every year. This will put those people in a position to stop and obtain information about the entire corridor from Corinth to Waterford.

A proposed resolution authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Town of Saratoga and the Historic Hudson-Hoosick Rivers Partnership, advancing local sponsor funding for the design and construction of the Gateway Visitor Center in the Village of Schuylerville, and amending the county budget in relation thereto, was distributed to all committee members for their review. Mr. Johnson said that the County Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed resolution for consideration.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Lunde the proposed resolution was approved unanimously.

Mr. Johnson introduced a proposed resolution to amend the Agricultural District boundaries. He said that nine landowners have petitioned the county to be added into Ag Districts #1 and #2. The county's Farmland and Protection Board has submitted a report and is recommending

the inclusion of the nine landowners. A request was made to set a Public Hearing on August 12, 2015 at 4:25 p.m., to be held in the County Board Room.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve setting a Public Hearing on August 12, 2015 at 4:25p.m. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom